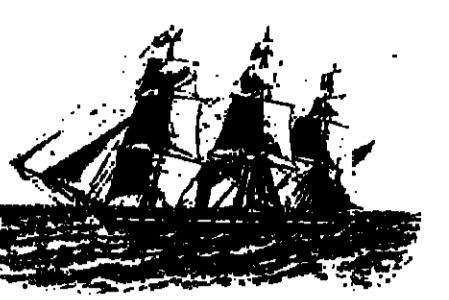


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The first part for physical, chemical, geological, and biological oceanographers

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The Year in Review

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This article is not a summary of all or even most of the important and interesting activities carried out in oceanography during the past year; the field is simply too large and active for that. One must look to the periodic reports of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics for a proper summary. Rather, this is my view of some of the scientific and programmatic events this year that could have interest for the readers of *EOS*.

The year 1983 was an exciting one, filled with intense activity by oceanographers in all disciplines. The year started with confirmation that we were indeed experiencing a major and unusual El Niño. The awareness of the role of the ocean in climate variation was enhanced both by the severity of the El Niño and the new reports on the effect of increasing CO₂ in the atmosphere.

The year commenced with remarkable demonstrations of the power of satellite-borne instruments to reveal new physical, biological, and geological features of the ocean. We saw the retirement of the *Glomar Challenger* as a deep sea drilling vessel after 15 successful years and the start of a major new drilling program destined to be aboard a larger vessel. The year ended with planning for new, expanded studies on the interaction of the tropical ocean with the global atmosphere and on the general circulation of the ocean. The prospects of global studies of biogeochemical fluxes were under discussion.

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article by Cane [1983], Rasmussen and Wallace [1983], and Barber and Chavez [1983].

It is worth noting here that the unusual evolution of the event caught many oceanographers by surprise (G. Philander, Comments on the 1982-1983 El Niño, unpublished manuscript, 1983). During a typical event, exceptionally warm surface waters first appear off Peru and Ecuador in January or February and then expand westward. However, as late as September 1982 conditions off South America were still normal. At the conference on El Niño at Princeton in October 1982 sponsored by the Committee on Climate Research of the National Research Council, there was controversy over whether or not an El Niño was in progress. In reality the event had already started in the western tropical Pacific in May 1982 and was expanding eastward. The event persisted into July 1983, and by early September conditions were only slightly anomalous.

The Committee on Climate Research [National Research Council, 1983a] notes that the 1982-1983 event had an exceptionally large amplitude and was associated with unusual climate events around the globe. Sea levels dropped in the western Pacific and flooding occurred in tidal estuaries in South America. Dramatic shifts in precipitation patterns were observed. Widespread drought occurred over Australia, Indonesia, Southern India, Sri Lanka, and Africa. The impact on fisheries of the loss of upwelled, nutrient-rich water was severe and widespread. Overall, the meteorological and ecological effects associated with the event directly affected the lives of hundreds of millions of people all over the world.

The El Niño emphasized the need for new studies in the tropics. Interannual climate variability is of major practical importance, and tropical-air-sea interaction is key to interannual variability. It is in the tropics that the ocean and the atmosphere are closely coupled on these monthly to interannual time scales. There is a growing belief that the El Niño/Southern Oscillation is not just a collection of isolated and independent oceanographic and meteorological events, but a global entity in which interactions between the tropical Pacific Ocean and the global atmospheric circulation are the primary driving force.

It is this belief that is driving the planning for part of the oceanography of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP), sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization, the International Council of Scientific Unions, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), and the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR). The year commenced with remarkable demonstrations of the power of satellite-borne instruments to reveal new physical, biological, and geological features of the ocean. We saw the retirement of the *Glomar Challenger* as a deep sea drilling vessel after 15 successful years and the start of a major new drilling program destined to be aboard a larger vessel. The year ended with planning for new, expanded studies on the interaction of the tropical ocean with the global atmosphere and on the general circulation of the ocean. The prospects of global studies of biogeochemical fluxes were under discussion.

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group of 10 U.S. and 5 non-U.S. institutions. Major scientific accomplishments of the DSDP such as verification of the sea floor spreading model, demonstration of the large-scale vertical movements of the sea floor, and the reconstruction of past chemical, physical, and biological ocean environments that were different from those of the present have already made international scientific headlines. However, the DSDP's most enduring contributions have been the building of a reconnaissance-scale geological section of the sediments and surface of the basalt basement that constitutes the upper part of the oceanic crust.

However, the reconnaissance section is based upon only one data point for each 250,000 square miles of the world ocean. It is clear that further investigation of this section in variations, and its relation to continental crust hold the promise of major advances in understanding the history, composition, structure, and resources of the earth. For these reasons, the international marine geological and geophysical community has developed a new drilling program based on a larger and more capable drilling ship. The new Ocean Drilling Program is now in the process of selecting a ship from a commercial contractor. The program, funded by the National Science Foundation, will again be guided by the Joint Oceanographic Institutions Deep Earth Sampling. It will be operated from Texas A&M University; the first expedition is scheduled for late 1984 (*EOS*, January 31, 1984, p. 33).

During the year a major report on "Changing Climate" [National Research Council, 1983b] was issued by the Carbon Dioxide Assessment Committee, chaired by William A. Nierenberg, director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. This report has provided the strongest evidence yet on the serious consequences of the predicted general warming of the atmosphere from increased CO₂ in the atmosphere. The potential rise in sea level from the melting of the ice caps was noted; but models are still too crude to account for this effect correctly.

As part of the search for observable effects of atmospheric warming due to CO₂, a series of papers in recent years has shown an apparent global sea level rise. During the past year, Barnett [1983] showed that the observed apparent rise in sea level globally was probably not due to sea level rise, but models are still too crude to account for this effect correctly.

New technologies showed the way to new descriptions of geophysical phenomena. The side-scan sonar and multibeam echosounding instruments [Fornari et al., 1983] give a 2-dimensional view of the ocean floor. The technology of ridge crests is beginning to be studied in earnest with these and other techniques.

Satellite techniques were also important to the geophysicist. A full view of the large-scale features of the ocean floor, as reflected in the shape of the ocean surface, was produced for the first time from Seasat altimeter data [Haxby et al., 1983]. In addition, it was shown that new processing techniques allowed the extraction of geological features on scales on the order of 50 to 100 km with special processing techniques. These new pictures can be used to locate seamounts and other small-scale features of the ocean floor.

Of special note on facilities in addition to the planned new vessel for ocean drilling: the *Atlantis II*, originally designed as an all-purpose oceanographic research vessel, was reconfigured to operate as a tender for the submersible *Alvin*, thus giving the latter a much larger range and providing much-needed space. An ocean modeling facility was in the planning stages at the National Science Foundation, with access to an Advanced Vector Computer at the National Center for Atmospheric Research being the central element.

Among those organizations of interest to oceanographers, the National Research Council (NRC) plays an important role. During the year, the NRC recombinated the Ocean Sciences Board and the Ocean Policy Committee into a single Board on Ocean Sciences and Policy (*EOS*, June 7, 1983, pp. 402-403). The new board's terms of reference include charges to continue oversight and stimulation of ocean sciences, help formulate marine policy, and help clarify scientific issues that affect ocean policy. At the same time, Richard C. Vetter who had served as executive secretary of the board in its many manifestations through the years, retired; AGU's Ocean Sciences Section presented him with its Ocean Sciences Award for his outstanding service.

Under the leadership of the new chairman, John Slaughter, Chancellor of the University of Maryland, and Nancy Maynard, the newly appointed executive secretary, the Board on Ocean Sciences Policy immediately began planning for a major study on "National Strategies for Ocean Science and Policy to the year 2000." The study will articulate community consensus on issues critical to improving ocean science and policy in the next 2 decades and by so doing provide guidance to those involved in ocean science and policy decision making. The study is being developed by the board in response to a long-standing need by the ocean agencies for a long-range plan for the ocean sciences and related policy.

The development of satellite programs for physical oceanography continued as plans became firmer for a Navy Remote Ocean Sensing System (NROSS), involving also NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. If funded, NROSS will measure surface wind stress and wave properties globally starting in 1988. The Topography of the Ocean Experiment (TOPEX), NASA's initiative to measure accurately the shape of the ocean surface, received new momentum with a French offer to share the launch and other costs.

International planning is now under way to document the need for a dedicated satellite mission for ocean circulation. In the summer a workshop on global measurements of the ocean, sponsored by the U.S. National Research Council's Board on Ocean Science and Climate concluded that a World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) was feasible and timely and that detailed planning should begin immediately.

The overall goal of WOCE, as identified by the workshop, is to determine the 3-dimensional circulation of the ocean for a period of several years, to improve the description of the atmospheric boundary conditions of the ocean at the same time to describe the upper boundary layer of the ocean for estimates of water mass transformation, deter-

on the results of the first to identify linkages which could yield fruitful advances in either science or policy. Wide community involvement is expected in this effort which, if successful, could reap benefits for the ocean sciences for a long time to come.

As the year ended, the announcement by the U.S. Government that it planned to pull out of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization injected uncertainty into the U.S. role in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, a key component of operational oceanographic measurements. Long-time observers of the scene urged caution in drawing conclusions as to the effect of such a U.S. action, but such a change could have major effects on the formalities of international planning.

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News & Announcements

AGU Ocean Sciences Award: Robert E. Wall

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The Ocean Sciences Section of AGU recognizes the important, longstanding contributions of Robert E. Wall.

Cover. Raw sidescan sonar image made by U.S. Navy fast frigate Robert E. Peary. The unusual geometry created by foreshortening and proximity to ship track (top of image) gives the image's uppermost portion the appearance (and to some degree the function) of a conventional reflection profile while portions immediately below are close to plan view. Left half of image illustrates two different compressions for the same trace. The 90 km x 900 km image (along about 14°30'N) illustrates four Marianas basin seamounts: two new discoveries (the two smaller ones), one guyot (flat top) and a seamount in the process of entering the Marianas trench (the depression to the right). The sharp edge (arrow) suggests breakup of this seamount has already begun, 50 km from the 9000-m-deep trench axis. Current rates of plate movement will complete the destruction within 1 million years. The trench itself nicely illustrates the steeper downgoing side to the left and the horst-and-graben fault blocks on the forearc side to the right. (Photo courtesy of Peter B. Humphrey, University of Hawaii, Institute of Geophysics, Honolulu, HI 96822.)

Through all of this, Bob has managed to maintain a strong commitment to making the bureaucratic system work and to be concerned about the needs and goals of the individual scientist while recognizing the limitations and pressures within NSF. And he has maintained a sense of humor and his own personal integrity. His management philosophy is driven by a deep concern for the health and vitality of the ocean science community. This has translated into program-level operations which are driven by science.

Bob was educated in physics at Carlton College and later obtained a Ph.D. in marine geophysics from Columbia University and Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. From this background, he has developed a strong interest in, and an impartial attitude toward, all aspects and subdisciplines of oceanography.

Some specific contributions made by Bob within NSF include the following:

He provided much of the intellectual guidance in merging "big" and "small" science at the end of the International Decade of Ocean Exploration. He has worked hard to maintain the NSF's capability to support science across the full spectrum of project size and interdisciplinary content. For this, he was recognized by an NSF Special Achievement Award in 1981.

He has worked diligently to incorporate into facilities planning the perceptions of the research section on ship and equipment

needs. He was instrumental in forming the first NSF research and facilities staff group to examine long-range needs.

He has maintained an acute awareness of the problems and research opportunities facing the community. Through publications, such as his article in *EOS* and presentations at AGU meetings, he has worked to keep the community informed of NSF/Division policies and activities. He has also led the fight to maintain proposal review panels as one of the methods of direct community involvement in the decision-making process.

He is a champion of the peer review system. Bob was also one of the first NSF managers to take action to set up ad hoc review committees to examine how well and how fairly his programs were utilizing the review system. The results: A pass with flying colors.

Bob is an unassuming and modest individual. He is smart, thorough and strong—unusually strong for a person so compassionate about other people. For almost 15 years he has been a stabilizing influence for the good of academic ocean sciences in NSF and elsewhere. Not incidentally, Bob served as secretary of the AGU Oceanography Section in 1972-1974. It is high time he received recognition for his contributions to our science.

In summary, Bob Wall is truly an unsung hero, the kind of honest, dedicated, and effective administrator who we are all pleased to support in a position of responsibility in JOIDES. He is living testimony that "the system" can and does work with quality people in place. What is even better is that we can hope he will serve for another 20 years, quietly doing his important job superbly.

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Ocean Drilling Update

Although planning for the first year of the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) is well under way, the National Science Foundation (NSF) invites proposals from U.S. scientists and institutions to conduct required deep ocean geological surveys including swath map surveys. Submissions should be submitted to the Office of the Director of the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20037. The survey program requires high-resolution geophysical surveys to facilitate site selection in preparation for deep ocean drilling. Organizations with the experience, ability, and interest to conduct required deep ocean geological surveys including swath map surveys should submit a written request for a copy of the solicitation to JOI, Inc., 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 316, Washington, D.C. 20037, attention: Andrew A. Luttrell. The efforts during 1984-1985 initially will focus on the Kane fracture zone and the Chile triple junction.

Books

Les Granites des Complexes Annulaires

Manuels et Méthodes 4, Bernard Bonin, Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières, Orléans, France, 183 pp., 1982, in French.

Reviewed by Peter Bowden

This book, *Manual and Methods 4*, published by France's BRGM, together with a mouthwatering preface by R. Black promises much for the student of ring complexes. It consists of four distinct chapters, each divided into a number of subsections, with 52 text figures and 9 tables. Although in reality it is based on a doctoral dissertation concerned with the newly discovered ring structures in Corsica, it is spiced with references to past and present research in Nigeria, and observations from French expeditions to the Kerguelen Islands. There are also brief commentaries on the author's observations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The text effectively represents a distillation of knowledge concerned with oversaturated alkaline magmatic in continental and oceanic settings. The book has a good bibliography with English-language scientific literature references up to 1980. While aware that ring-complex compositions can be variable, ranging from calc-alkaline to alkali, the author restricts his writings to granitic and related rocks of the alkaline and peralkaline spectrum.

Chapter 1 reviews the types of structures occupied by the granites and their mode of emplacement. This introductory section considers in detail the formation of ring structures in Corsica. These are Permo-Triassic in age. A-type granitoids of short-time duration following the initial compressional tectonic regime of the Hercynian. There are several good field sketches with diagrammatic interpretations which may be valuable as a field guide.

Chapter 2 gives details about the textures of alkaline granites and related rocks and provides a summary of their petrology and mineralogy. The value of this chapter varies considerably. For example, the feldspar section is worthy of careful reading, but the olivine and pyroxene sections are given too brief a coverage to be of value. The amphibole discussion is welcome and provides the reader with additional information to be used in conjunction with the excellent

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Meetings

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Meeting Report

NASA Data Systems Users

A considerable evolution has occurred in the past two decades in the disciplines of solar-terrestrial and interplanetary physics.

Early research was centered around exploratory missions in which measurements from individual scientific instruments could be meaningfully employed to advance our state of knowledge. As these scientific disciplines have advanced, a much more profound, and interrelated, set of questions is being posed by researchers. The result is that present-day investigations are generally much more complex; large volumes of data are acquired from multiple sensors on individual spacecraft or from ground-based systems, and quite often, data are needed from multiple sources in order to address particular physical problems.

It is clear that research in solar-terrestrial physics during the 1980's and beyond will be devoted to intense multidisciplinary studies aimed at exploring very complex physical questions (see the National Academy of Sciences' *Solar-Terrestrial Research for the 80's*). It is in this spirit that the NASA Data Systems Users Working Group recognizes that major future advances in solar and space physics will require close collaboration among investigators through interactive exchanges of scientific information. Increasingly, scientists spend large amounts of time contacting other researchers to obtain data needed to solve given problems. Such problems are exacerbated by the lack of standards for scientific data bases. The net result is that, at present, most researchers recognize the value of multidisciplinary studies, but the cost in time and effort is devastating to the research efforts. This trend is antithetical to the needs of solar and space physics research.

Some 40 scientists and data system managers met at the Los Alamos National Laboratory July 13-July 15, 1983, to address these problems. The participants are representatives of major space research organizations who serve in the NASA Data Systems Users Working Group (DSUWG), a committee formed in 1980 to advise NASA on matters related to data acquisition, storage, and dissemination and currently chaired by D. N. Baker of Los Alamos.

The bulk of the meeting was directed toward making recommendations to NASA management concerning the establishment of a Space Physics Analysis Network. Other committees within the space science community have come forward recently with similar recommendations. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Committee on Data Management and Computing (CODMAC) is presently working on its second major report, which contains as a subset many recommendations

concerning, inorganic chemistry or physical chemistry with research experience involving mass spectrometry and high vacuum technology is required. Salary range is \$16,000 to \$24,000. Send a letter of application, resume, and names and addresses of three individuals willing to serve as references to: Crayon J. Yapp, Department of Geology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Closing date for applications is March 1, 1984.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Haystack Observatory/Scientific/Engineering. The Haystack Observatory is seeking a Scientist/Engineer to work in the field of Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI). The Scientist/Engineer would assist in the development of new VLBI acquisition electronics as well as assist with the processing and analysis of data taken for the Crayola Crayola Dynamics Project. The applicant must have a Ph.D. in astrophysics and experience in space plasmas and/or astrophysics. Present research in space plasma physics emphasizes analysis and interpretation of data from magnetospheric plasmas using instruments on board Earth-orbiting spacecrafts in the IMP and ISEE Missions. The University of Iowa's global imaging instrumentation on the space-dynamics Explorer 1 is the source of an extensive data base of auroral images from high altitudes at visible and ultraviolet wavelength. Photometric data are available for other areas of research including the analysis of auroral displays and the global distribution of atmospheric ionization. The applicant should identify and describe areas of his/her expertise which can support experimental or theoretical investigations in space plasma physics and/or auroral physics. Salary and position will be commensurate with the applicant's qualifications and experience.

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